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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

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DEPT FOR AF/C

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, GB

SUBJ: BOEING 747

REF: LIBREVILLE 1092 (NOTAL)

1. FOR PARIS: WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR SOME HELP. INTENDED SALE BY BOEING OF 747 TO GOG PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON HAS RUN INTO PROBLEMS RELATED TO GOG'S CURRENT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. BOEING HOWEVER APPARENTLY STILL WANTS TO COME TO AN ARRANGEMENT ALBEIT DIFFERENT FROM ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, AND PRES BONGO HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR OF HIS STRONG INTEREST IN GOING AHEAD WITH PURCHASE. AT BONGO'S REQUEST, AND WITH DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE, BOEING REP TELEPHONED HIM DIRECTLY MAY 10. BONGO APPARENTLY CONFIRMED HIS INTEREST AND ASKED BOEING GET IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH MINISTER JEAN FRANCOIS NTOUTOUME WAS IN PARIS TO ATTEND PREPARATORY SESSION FOR FRANCO-PHONE CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING, BOEING REP CALLED GABONESE EMBASSY THERE BUT WAS TOLD NTOUTOUME WAS NOT THERE.

2. WE LEARNED THIS MORNING THAT NTOUTOUME IS NOW IN FACT IN PARIS STAYING AT SHEARATON BUT LEFT LIBREVILLE DAY LATER THAN WE THOUGHT,
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THUS GABONESE EMBASSY WAS CORRECT IN ITS REPLY. HIS OFFICE HERE EXPECTS HIM BE THERE FOR APPROX FIVE-SIX DAYS.

3. WHAT IS NEEDED NOW IS FOR BOEING TO GET IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH HIM (BOEING TOLD AMBASSADOR THEY WERE WILLING SEND REP TO PARIS FOR PURPOSE AS EARLY AS MAY 15). WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD URGENTLY TRY AND TRACK DOWN NTOUTOUME

EITHER DIRECTLY AT SHEARATON (HIS OFFICE SUGGESTS THIS) OR THROUGH GABONESE EMBASSY. TELL HIM BOEING IS TRYING HARD TO REACH HIM BY PHONE RE 747, THAT BOEING HAS TALKED DIRECTLY WITH BONGO WHO ASKED THEM GET IN TOUCH WITH NTOUTOUME, AND TRY TO GET NTOUTOUME TO TELEPHONE BOEING SINCE HIS TIME MAY BE CIRCUMSCRIBED, KEEPING IN MIND TIME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PARIS AND STATE OF WASHINGTON. PERSON HE SHOULD TALK TO IS MR. BELYAMANI, TEL 206-237-2613. IF NTOUTOUME PREFERS THAT BELYAMANI CALL HIM, PLEASE TRY WORK OUT TIMING ARRANGEMENT AND NOTIFY AF/C IN DEPT FOR TRANSMISSION TO BELYAMANI. FYI: THERE IS SOME URGENCY IN MATTER SINCE ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL, AIRCRAFT WILL BE READY FOR DELIVERY MAY 31. END FYI. APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE.

4. FOR DEPT: AS INDICATED, BOEING DID CALL BONGO WHO CONFIRMED HIS INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY OF DOLS 26 MILLION WHICH UNENCUMBERED. SINCE WE TOLD BELYAMANI BY PHONE MAY 11 WHEN HE CALLED THAT WE WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE SOMETHING THROUGH PARIS, REQUEST YOU CALL HIM TO TELL HIM OF ABOVE. TIENKEN

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